

WATER-POWER CONTROL HELD BY FEW PEOPLE

Secretary of Agriculture Says
Eighteen Corporations Own Over
Half of Country's Supply.

Eighteen corporations control more than half of the water power of the country used in public service operations, and six corporations control more than one-quarter, according to a report made to the Senate yesterday by the Secretary of Agriculture.

The existence of a huge water-power trust is indicated in the report, which was compiled by the forest service and sent to the Senate in reply to a resolution adopted by that body. It is expected that the data contained in the report will be used in framing water-power legislation.

Tendency to Community Interest.

The report calls attention to a marked tendency toward association or community of interests, particularly between the principal holding companies, and declares that this feature could not be viewed without concern. Mention is made also of the connection between the water-power companies and the banks of New York, Boston and Philadelphia, through common directors and officers.

The six corporations which control one-quarter of the water power used in public service operations are Stone & Webster Management Association, Montana Power Company, Utah Electric Corporation, E. W. Clark & Co. Management Corporation, Southern Power Company and Hydraulic Company of Niagara Falls.

Largest Single Holder.

Of these the Stone & Webster Company is the largest single holder of water-power control, and after the first six the Pacific Gas and Electric Company, the Pennsylvania Water and Power Company and the Pacific Light and Power Company are next in extent of control.

The movement toward concentration, says the report, is found in all sections of the United States. For the ten years of 1902 to 1912 the rate of concentration was highest in the south Atlantic states, which had three times as great a proportion of commercial stations in 1912 as in 1902. Since then the extent of concentration was greater in the western states. Fifty per cent of all primary power of all kinds in the mountain states in 1912 was owned by public service corporations; 51 per cent in the Pacific states. Today public service corporations own 90 per cent of all the primary power in these two groups of states.

CORRECTS CURRENT REPORTS.

Secretary Garrison Issues Statement as to Reopening of Panama Canal.

In order to correct any possible misunderstanding regarding the reopening of the Panama canal, Secretary Garrison has made the following statement on the subject:

"There have been several reports recently in the newspapers to the effect that the Panama canal officials have sent out notices that the canal would be ready for all traffic February 15. A cablegram was sent to the isthmus inquiring whether there was any truth in these reports, and a reply has been received advising that these reports are without foundation, and that the conditions on the isthmus are still too uncertain for the authorities there to make any predictions as to the probable date when the canal will be opened."

Will of Mrs. E. M. Gartrell.

The will of Mrs. Estelle M. Gartrell, dated December 11, 1915, has been filed for probate. Premises No. 18 T street northeast is given to her daughter, Ella C. Stoker, No. 20 T street northeast, to her daughter, Fannie C. Higgins, and No. 22 T street northeast, to her daughter, Estella M. Gartrell. Each of the daughters is given a bond of \$500 and twenty-two shares of the stock of the Washington Gas Light Company. The remaining estate goes to the daughter, Estella M. Gartrell, Charles W. Fairfax as named as executor.

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Society

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Mrs. Johnson received, was converted into a bower with lilacs, palms and ferns.

The large ballroom was reserved for the dancing, which was continuous throughout the afternoon. The platform erected at one end for those wishing to set out or watch the dancers was a very charming feature of the tea.

Mrs. Johnson received her guests in an exquisite gown of white satin, striped tulle, the bodice of iridescent tulle, made with long tulle sleeves finished with a cuff of tulle. The skirt, of tulle, was made in panner form and caught up to show an underdress of tulle trimmed with iridescent embroidery.

The tea table, which was arranged in the small ballroom, had a center piece formed on an electric fountain, surrounded with lilacs. Killarney roses and ferns.

Those assisting in the hospitality were Mrs. Robert Lansing, Mrs. Joseph Daniels, Mrs. William C. Gregory, Mrs. John Skelton Williams of Richmond, Tex., Mrs. F. Dennis, Mrs. Francis Berger, Robert L. Henry, Mrs. Joe H. Eagle, Mrs. John H. Stephens, Mrs. William Robert Smith, Mrs. Howard Reeside, Mrs. John E. Osborne, Mrs. Joseph W. Folk, Mrs. Willard Ragsdale, Mrs. Victor Kaufmann, Charles D. Helms, hold, Mrs. Parmelee, Miss Mary C. Brooks, Mrs. T. T. Ansbury, Mrs. William F. Dennis, Mrs. Francis Berger, Moran, Mrs. Frank L. Polk and Mrs. Charles S. Hamlin.

Among the guests were Mr. Justice McReynolds, the Japanese ambassador and Viscountess Smith, Chief Justice of the Philippines, Senator or Hon. Charles and Miss Callie Hoke Smith, the Spanish ambassador and Mme. Riano, the minister from Nicaragua and Mme. Chamorro, Mrs. Redfield, the minister from Salvador and Mme. Zaldívar, Representative and Mrs. Deane, Mrs. McChambers, Miss McCumber, Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Wood, the minister from Bolivia, Mrs. Calderon and Miss Keasley, Mrs. S. Reeside, Senator and Mrs. Pomeroy, Mr. LeVeque, Gen. Blue, Mrs. A. W. Bagley, the Misses Bagley, Capt. and Mrs. Oliver, Mrs. Samuel Jordan Graham, Mr. and Mrs. William Nelson Page, Mrs. James R. Mann, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Vrooman, Commander and Mrs. Wurzburg, Senator and Mrs. Ollie James, Representative and Mrs. Dent, Mrs. J. K. Ohi, Miss Joan Ohi, the minister from Panama and Mme. Morales, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Mrs. Sweet, Judge and Mrs. McChord.

Representative and Mrs. Byrnes, assistant attorney general and Mrs. Warren, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Warburg, Gov. and Mrs. Montague, Mrs. Robert L. Taylor, Mr. and Mrs. David Jayne Hill, Miss Hill, Mr. and Mrs. Parry, Senator and Mrs. Overman and Miss Overman, the Misses Lansing, Admiral and Mrs. Eiske, Mr. Victor Kaufmann, Gen. and Mrs. William F. Rogers, Representative and Mrs. James Young, Representative and Mrs. Hampton Gary, Capt. and Mrs. G. T. Scott, Rear Admiral and Mrs. Strauss, Miss Marie Sims, Mrs. Fred Bennett, Miss Dorothy Bennett, Miss Marjorie Holmsted, Dr. and Mrs. McMillan, Gen. and Mrs. Sargent, and Mrs. G. C. Gogans, the Postmaster General, Mrs. Burleson, the Misses Burleson, and Mrs. Young, Mrs. Adm. Gen. Crowder, Mrs. James Hamilton Lewis, Justice and Mrs. Siddons, Mrs. Lindley

M. Garrison, Mrs. Delos Biddgett, Miss Biddgett, Senator and Mrs. Ransdell, Secretary and Mrs. Daniels, Mr. and Mrs. William Bailey Lamar, the Chinese minister and Mrs. Koo, Mr. John Skelton Williams, the minister from Cuba and Mme. Cespedes, the minister from Peru, Mr. John Wesley Graves, Mrs. William A. Brown, Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bennett, Capt. Ridley McLean, Mrs. Ben Johnson, Mme. Ekenegren, Representative and Mrs. J. H. Davis, Col. and Mrs. Harts, Miss Harts, Senator and Mrs. Joseph Robinson, Senator and Mrs. Gore, Dr. and Mrs. Gatewood and Capt. and Mrs. Washington.

Miss Dorothy Brooks is entertaining informally at bridge this afternoon in compliance to Mrs. Horatio H. Armstrong of Hartford, Conn.

Marriage Licenses.

Marriage licenses have been issued to the following:

Iden B. Rector of Marshall, Va., and Summer Welch of Olean, Va.
Samuel E. Furtner and Mary E. Bucher.

Raymond Holt and Mary Waters.
James F. Anderson and Tresa A. Smith.

George W. Smith and Mattie E. Simmons.
Bernard H. Bottoms and Nettie H. Bottoms, both of Richmond, Va.

William H. Stuart and Sadie A. Johnson.
James H. Burrell and Katie Washington.

George W. Lancaster of this city and Emma E. Jones of Wytheville, Va.
William B. Barrows and Marian F. Sturtevant.

Carlton B. Cole and Annie E. Clark.

Births Reported.

The following births have been reported to the health department in the last twenty-four hours:

Charles H. and Ruth H. Brown, boy.
Thomas Joseph and Mary Ellen Williams, boy.

Francis R. and Sallie Weller, girl.
William L. and Margaret Wathen, boy.

Edward W. and Norma Thomas, girl.
William N. and Gertrude Brown, girl.
Girolomo and Teresina Curruo, girl.
Major and Dora Head, girl.
George and Marie Williams, boy.
William A. and Mabel B. Warner, girl.

Louis and Rebecca Fletcher, boy.

Deaths Reported.

The following deaths have been reported to the health department in the last twenty-four hours:

Alfred Bishop Lounsbury, 67 years, Hotel Grafton.

Nicholas Crook, 71 years, 3413 13th street, Brookland.

Anna Almyra Howell, 59 years, Sibley Hospital.

Winona Glasgow, 45 years, 1401 Fairmont street northwest.

Marion Osborn, 72 years, 5327 Illinois avenue northwest.

Winifred Browne Brown, 29 years, Homeopathic Hospital.

Neilson Falls, 75 years, 1122 Vermont street northwest.

Sledge Tatum, 43 years, 2318 19th street northwest.

Sarah E. Works, 82 years, Goodwin apartment, No. 1.

Frederick William Kitch, 41 years, 1827 18th street northwest.

William T. Frye, 30 years, Providence Hospital.

Frank J. Stanton, 39 years, 1205 Wisconsin avenue northwest.

Helen Owen, 19 years, Sibley Hospital.

Calvin S. Brown, 78 years, 1900 9th street northeast.

Agostino Pirrone, 49 years, Tubercular Hospital.

Sarah Scroggins, 62 years, Little Sisters of the Poor.

Hattie Williams, 45 years, Washington Asylum Hospital.

John Stafford, 34 years, Freedmen's Hospital.

Hannah Beason, 77 years, 1433 S street northwest.

Richard Tompkins, 69 years, Washington Asylum Hospital.

consin avenue northwest.

Julius Levy Dies at 113.

PITTSBURGH, Pa., January 21.—Julius Levy, aged 113, died at his home here last night. He never required classes and until last October had never been sick.

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Men's \$25 Suits and Overcoats... \$18.50

Men's \$28 Suits and Overcoats... \$21.75

Men's \$30 Suits and Overcoats... \$23.75

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Girls' \$1 School Dresses, 69c

Charming new styles of galatea, percale, gingham and chambray, box-plaited and plainly made skirts. Plaids, plain colors and stripes galore in all fast colors. Sizes 6 to 14 years.

Children's \$7.90 Coats, \$3.79

For tots of 2 to 6 years. Cleverly made of velvet, corduroy, boucle and chinchillas, in shades of navy, brown and black; velvet and fur trimmed, wide belts, button-to-neck styles, with good, substantial linings.

Men--Step Lively

We've Reduced Our \$7 & \$8 "Foot Model" Shoes to

\$5.95

A dandy lot that we believe will walk away with rapid strides. The sale is for Saturday only, so make a point to come early tomorrow. Clever styles of tan mahogany, velvet calf and dull calf; rubber heels and some with ivory soles. All sizes in the lot from 3 to 11, A to E widths.

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\$7.50 Norfolk Suits \$5.95

NORFOLK SUITS with 2 pairs of pants, full lined and finished with lined seams; brown, gray and black mixtures; sizes 6 to 18 years.

OVERCOATS of chinchilla and fancy materials—Balmorran and form-fitting styles; sizes 10 to 18 years.

MACKINAWs in new, rich plaid, shower-proof materials; sizes 10 to 18 years.

50c Blouses

3 for One Dollar

Of light and dark percales and madras; full cut and absolutely fast colors; sizes 8 to 16 years.

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